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Applicant : John R. Desjarlais
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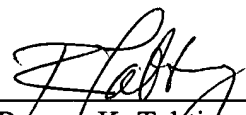
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated December 15, 2003, be extended for three months to and including April 15, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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